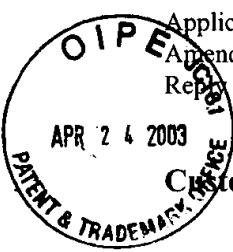


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 20, 2003. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to April 21, 2003. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

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